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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A few cases of delay in the Industrial Engineering department have been brought to notice and necessary instructions have been issued to the Director of Industries to minimize such delays in future.

Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—"Will the hon. the Minister order the purchase of more pumping engines in order to minimize the delay ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"The Government will consider the question, Sir."

Previous experience and qualifications of Mr. Iyakannu Achari, Assistant Agricultural Engineer.

*47 *Q.*—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the qualifications of Mr. Iyakannu Achari, the present Assistant Agricultural Engineer, and how long he has been in the present office ; and

(*b*) the previous experience of Mr. Iyakannu Achari in the line in which he is working ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to clause (*e*) of question No. 990 on 31st October 1927. Mr. Iyakannu Achari has been Assistant Industrial Engineer, Madras, since April 1924.

Co-operative Societies

Appointment of History graduates as Assistant Registrars.

*48 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether it is not a fact that there are Assistant Registrars in the Co-operative Department who are not graduates in Economics and History ?

A.—The answer is in the affirmative, but most of these men were promoted from the inspectorate in view of their long service and experience in the Co-operative Department.

Appointment of Muslims in the Co-operative Department.

*49 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether there is any proposal with the Minister to appoint more Muslims in the several cadres of the Co-operative Department in view of the new appointments sanctioned by the Government ?

A.—The Government will consider duly the claims of suitable Muhammadan candidates if they offer themselves for appointment.

Representation of Muslims in the Co-operative Department.

*50 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any special reason why there is only one Muslim in the cadre of Deputy Registrars of the Co-operative Department out of a total number of 19 ; and

(*b*) why there is only one Muslim Assistant Registrar out of a total of 32 ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No ; the number of sanctioned posts in the cadre of Deputy Registrars is, however, only 13.